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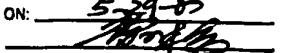


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action, dated January 29, 2003. This application contains claims which conflict with the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,885,158 (Torango, et. al.), now involved in a reexamination proceeding.

Applicant requests that prosecution in this application be suspended until termination of the reexamination proceeding. *See* M.P.E.P. § 2307.04.

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